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NCNA REPORTS MAO MEETING WITH NIXON 23 FEB

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((TEXT)) PEKING, FEBRUARY 23, 1976 (HSINHUA) -- CHAIRMAN MAO TSETUNG TODAY MET WITH RICHARD M. NIXON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MRS. NIXON AND JOHN V. BRENNAN, A MEMBER OF HIS PARTY.

AT THE MEETING, CHAIRMAN MAO SHOOK HANDS WITH THE AMERICAN GUESTS, WELCOMING THEM TO CHINA, AND HAD A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH MR. NIXON ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, CHAIRMAN MAO ASKED MR. NIXON TO CONVEY HIS REGARDS TO PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD UPON RETURNING HOME.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND CONVERSATION WERE HUA KUO-FENG, CHINESE ACTING PREMIER, CHIAO KUAN-HUA, FOREIGN MINISTER, HUANG CHEN, CHIEF OF THE LIAISON OFFICE OF CHINA IN THE UNITED STATES, WANG HAI-JUNG, VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER, AND TANG WEN-SHENG AND CHANG HAN-CHIH, DEPUTY DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. 230805 KESSLER TK 23/0815Z FEB

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